

wherein, each message handling node routes data packets to the mobile receiver based on the destination code, wherever the mobile receiver is located within the two or more  
10 interconnected networks.

20. The communication system of Claim 19, wherein each message handling node stores a table for looking up physical media routing information based on the logical destination code.

21. The communication system of Claim 19 wherein each messaging handling node routes the data packet based on the entire destination code.

SUB F1 22. The communication system of Claim 19 wherein the logic destination code is a globally unique identifier.

23. The communication system of Claim 22 wherein the logical destination code is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

SUB H1 24. In a communications node of a system, a method for routing data packets comprising.

receiving a first data packet, the data packet including a unique logical code for identifying a mobile source of the data packet independently of the physical media over which  
5 the mobile source is communicating;

storing in a table the logical code and associating it with the physical media path from which the first data packet was received;

receiving a second data packet, the second data packet including the logical code as identifying the mobile source as a destination of the second data packet;

10        looking up the physical media path associated with the logical code; and  
         forwarding the second data packet based on the stored physical media path.

Sub P2 25. The method of Claim 24 wherein the logic code uniquely identifies the mobile source  
for routing data packets within public, interconnected networks.

26. The method of Claim 25 wherein the logical code is an Internet Protocol (IP)  
address.

27. In a communications node of a system of interconnected networks, a method for  
routing data packets comprising:

storing in a table a unique address for identifying a mobile receiver of a data packet  
anywhere within public, interconnected networks, independently of the physical media over  
5 which the mobile receiver is communicating;

associating the unique address with a physical media path;  
receiving a data packet identifying the mobile receiver as a destination for the data packet  
by the unique address;

10 looking up the physical media path along which to forward the data packet using the  
entire unique address contained in the data packet; and  
forwarding the data packet according to the physical media path.

28. The method of Claim 27 wherein the logical code is an Internet Protocol (IP)  
address.

29. In a communications node of a network, the communications node connected to a

plurality of other network communications nodes, a method for routing data packets comprising:

receiving a first data packet, the data packet including a logical code for uniquely identifying a source of the data packet independently of the physical media over which the source is communicating;

storing in a table the logical code and associating it the physical media address of the node to which it is forwarded;

receiving a second data packet, the second data packet including the logical code as identifying the source;

looking up the physical media address of the node associated with the logical code; and forwarding the second data packet to the node.

30. The communication system of Claim 29 wherein the logic code is a globally unique identifier.

31. The communication system of Claim 30 wherein the logical code is an Internet Protocol (IP) address.

32. A communications node for routing data packets, each such data packet including a logical code for uniquely identifying a mobile source of each such data packet independently of the physical media over which the mobile source is communicating with the interconnected networks, the communications node including a packet routing device and table stored in a memory for associating a logical code of a first data packet sent by a mobile source with a physical media path identifier identifying the physical media path from which the first data packet was received; wherein, when the communications node receives a second data packet that includes the logical code as identifying the mobile source as a destination of the second data

packet, the packet routing device looks up in the table the physical media path identifier  
10 associated with the logical code and forwards the second data packet to the physical media path  
identified by the physical media path identifier.

SUB F3 33. The communication system of Claim 32 wherein the logic code is a globally unique  
identifier.

34. The communication system of Claim 33 wherein the logical code is an Internet  
Protocol (IP) address.

SUB F4 35. A communications node for routing data packets, each such data packet including a  
logical code for uniquely identifying a source of each such data packet independently of the  
physical media over which the source is communicating with the interconnected networks, the  
communications node including a packet routing device and a table stored in a memory for  
5 storing the logical code of a first data packet sent by a mobile source and associating it with a  
physical media path identifier to which the first data packet was forwarded by the  
communications node; wherein, when the communications node receives a second data packet,  
which includes the logical code as identifying the source, the packet routing device looks up in  
the table the physical media path identifier of the node associated with the logic code and  
10 forwards the second data packet to the node.

36. The communication system of Claim 35 wherein the logic code is a globally unique  
identifier.

37. The communication system of Claim 36 wherein the logical code is an Internet

Protocol (IP) address.

38. A communications node for connecting to a plurality of networks comprising a packet routing device and a table for storing a logical address that uniquely identifies a host within the plurality of networks independently of physical media on which the host is communicating, the table associating the logical address with routing information for forwarding data packets containing the logical addresses; wherein the packet routing device includes a circuit for looking up routing information in the table for forwarding the data packet to the host using the entire logical address contained in the data packet.

39. The communications network of Claim 38, wherein the circuit for looking up includes a circuit for determining an index into the table.

40. The communications network of Claim 39, wherein the circuit for determining includes a device for arithmetically compressing the entire logical address.--

#### REMARKS

Please note that applicant claims June 16, 1989 as a priority date for all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative should he be of any assistance.